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In re Application of: Thibaut MAURICE et al.

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Application No.: 10/716,897

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Examiner:

For: PREPARATION METHOD FOR
PROTECTING THE BACK SURFACE OF A WAFER
AND BACK SURFACE PROTECTED WAFER

Attorney Docket No.: 4717-12000

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Pursuant to applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, enclosed is a PTO form 1449 which lists nine (9) references for the Examiner's review and consideration. These references were cited in the European search report and a copy is enclosed.

These references are listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that these references be made of record in this application by the Examiner's completion and return of the PTO Form 1449.

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Enclosures

Respectfully submitted,

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